

In re: Gebreselassie et al.
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REMARKS

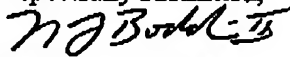
Claims 43-69 are pending. Claims 51-58 and 65-69 are allowed.

Claims 43, 46, 47 and 49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' specification in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,102,465 to Nemoto et al. and U.S. Patent No. 5,358,300 to Gray. Claims 44 and 45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' specification, Nemoto and Gray, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,071,619 to De Winter.

Claims 48 and 50 are objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. As such, Applicants have rewritten Claim 48 in independent form as amended independent Claim 43, as indicated above. Original Claim 48 is cancelled. Applicants have rewritten Claim 50 in independent form, as indicated above.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

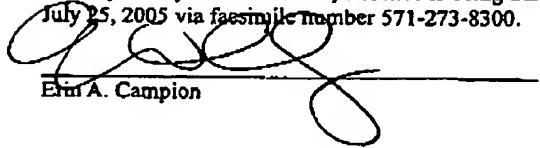
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